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A.—(a) & (b) The following statement gives the information :—

Taluks.	1926.		1927.		1928.	
	Applications made.	Grants.	Applications made.	Grants.	Applications made.	Grants.
Mangalore	148	106	131	81	136	69
Puttur	756	315	522	145	632	269
Kasaragod	361	149	305	59	251	75
Coondapoor	122	74	111	47	129	67
Udipi	101	56	88	40	101	39
Karkal	143	62	104	37	124	43
Total ..	1,631	762	1,261	409	1,373	562

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know why, when the deaths from wild beasts are increasing, the number of licences issued is decreasing ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Notice."

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

*198 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received for gun licences in South Kanara in each of the last two years and the number of licences granted ; and

(b) whether any instructions have been issued to district officers to be liberal in granting gun licences to ryots in the vicinity of reserve forests ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 197 (starred).

(b) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 13 of the Government of India Resolution republished at pages 1340–43 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th November 1923 (Extract appended.)[a]

Labour

Drinking water well in Ramanayakastanda, hamlet of Singrahalli.

*199 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is no drinking water well in Ramanayakastanda, hamlet of Singrahalli, Harpanahalli taluk, Bellary district ;

(b) whether to remedy this drawback the village people tried to sink a well themselves with borrowed money and tapped water ;

(c) whether they could not proceed further with the work for want of money ; and

(d) whether the Labour Department has taken any and, if so, what steps to finish the well ?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if the Government do not think this to be a matter of sufficient importance to call for information and satisfy themselves that the people do not die for want of drinking water ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall draw the attention of the Commissioner of Labour to this."

Police

Alleged arrest of Batcha Sahib for affixing a boycott poster.

* 200 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mount Road Police (D–2) arrested on the night of February 15th one Batcha Sahib under section 71, clause 16 of the City Police Act while he was affixing a boycott poster in General Patters Road on the wall of the Kardyl buildings; and, if so, why he was so arrested ; and

(b) whether another bill sticker who attempted to put up boycott placards was arrested by the Police and was let off with a warning; and, if so, why the Police interfere with the exercise of their rights by the citizens ?

A.—(a) Yes ; because his action fell under clause (xvi) of section 71 of the Madras City Police Act.

(b) There is no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the owner of the Kardyl buildings complained to the Police that the poster was being affixed without his permission or knowledge ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have no information, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons then why the Police arrested this person under a section which authorizes them to arrest only when there is a complaint by the owner that a poster is being put without his permission or authority ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I have said, I have no information. Possibly a complaint might have been made to the Police."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the Government are aware that a large number of young men went about affixing anti-boycott posters and whether such persons also were dealt with in the same manner as the persons who affixed boycott posters ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am not aware of it, Sir ? "